Dispensary at Muthakunnam.

95. ❋MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of shifting the dispensary at Muthakunnam in Parur taluk from its present site, to some other locality in the same pakuthy?

MR. S. JOHN: Yes. It is proposed to locate the dispensary in a more central place in the same pakuthy (Vadakkekara) in order to make it more useful to the public.

Establishment of a dispensary in Puthenkurisu.

96. ❋MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation regarding the establishment of a dispensary in Puthenkurisu, in Kunnatnad taluk?

MR. S. JOHN: Yes.

Quinine.

97. ❋MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any arrangements for the supply of quinine to the private medical practitioners in the State; and

(*b*) if so, what are the arrangements made, and if not, why not?

MR. S. JOHN: (*a*) & (*b*) There is no special arrangement; but requests from Medical Practitioners for anti-malarial drugs are complied with when the stock in hand of the drugs permits.

Dispensaries opened in 1121.

98. ❋MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new dispensaries opened in 1121 in the State; and

(*b*) the amount spent by the Government for opening the same?

MR. S. JOHN (*a*) Five.

(*b*) The buildings and furniture for housing these dispensaries are provided by the public. The expenditure for running these dispensaries alone is met by the Government and this is estimated to be Rs. 25,000 for the current year.

Sale of Medicines.

99. ❋MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average monthly income derived by the Medical Department from the sale of medicines to the patients;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation complaining about this system of selling medicines to the patients; and

(*c*) whether they have made any comparison between the time spent by the doctors in making enquiries and collecting the prices and for attending to the disease and giving the prescriptions?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly